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PROSECUTOR KOLKOVICH ANNOUNCES GUILTY PLEA FOR VEHICULAR HOMICIDE OF ISABELLE GRUBAUGH

AKRON, OH – Today, Summit County Prosecutor Elliot Kolkovich announced that George Taylor, 23, of Hartville, pleaded guilty to the indictment for the vehicular homicide of 18-year-old Isabelle Grubaugh in 2025.

Taylor pleaded guilty to the following charges yesterday:

- One count of Aggravated Vehicular Homicide – a 2nd Degree Felony;
- One count of Operating a Vehicle Under the Influence of Alcohol – a 1st Degree Misdemeanor; and
- One count of Operating a Vehicle Under the Influence of Alcohol with a Breath Alcohol Concentration of 0.17 or Higher – a 1st Degree Misdemeanor.

“George Taylor killed Isabelle Grubaugh that night with his reckless actions. There is no excuse for drunk driving,” said Prosecutor Kolkovich. **“My heart goes out to Isabelle Grubaugh’s family during this deeply difficult time. No family should have to endure losing a loved one this way.”**

In May 2025, the Ohio State Highway Patrol Canton Dispatch Center was called by the Springfield Township Dispatch to assist with a fatal single-vehicle crash that occurred on Massillon Road in Springfield Township. A gray Volkswagen sedan struck a telephone pole, which had split as a result of the impact. The passenger, 18-year-old Isabelle Grubaugh, was found deceased in the vehicle. When officers spoke with the driver, George Taylor, they could smell the odor of alcohol on his breath and observed his eyes as red and glassy. Officers also observed Taylor stumbling and lacking balance. Taylor failed numerous field sobriety tests and a breathalyzer test revealed he had a 0.204 BAC—more than double the legal limit of 0.08%. An interior search of the vehicle recovered an empty jar of moonshine and two additional open and partially-full containers of alcohol.

Taylor is scheduled to be sentenced on June 8, 2026, at 2:00 PM.

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